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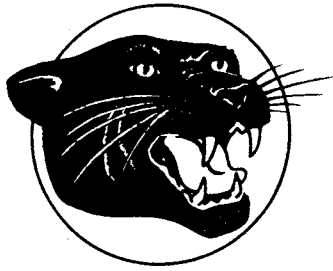
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CHARLESTON, IL--Paul Neidig, 6-8 postman from North Posey (IN) High School, has made a verbal committment to attend Eastern Illinois University, basketball coach Rick Samuels announced.

"We have been following Paul's progress all year, and were very pleased when he told us he would sign the national letter next Wednesday (April 8)," Samuels said.

Neidig led Coach Herb McPherson's North Posey squad to a 15-6 record, the best in school history.

He averaged 17.8 points, 13.7 rebounds, seven blocked shots and shot 55% from the field. He was 11th in the state in rebounding last year, "and should hit the top ten this year," Samuels says.

A unanimous all-conference choice and team MVP, Neidig also has been selected to play in the Southern Indiana-Northern Kentucky prep all-star game at Owensboro later this year.

"Paul's a fine prospect . . . he has exhibited outstanding progress this year," Samuels says. "He's already a big, strong young man who we believe will get bigger.

"As indicated by his rebounding stats, he is an aggressive player around the basket . . . plus he has large hands to hang onto the ball. He's a solid post prospect."